

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 3827 - HB 3815**

March 1, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Reduces from 30 to 15 days the amount of time a TennCare enrollee or applicant for uninsured or uninsurable coverage must mail documentation of any information change. Prohibits an insurance carrier from delivering information that directly identifies a patient who is subject of the information and that relates to the physical or mental health of the patient, unless the patient has authorized the release. Decreases from 15 to 10 days the amount of time a petition for appeal from an initial order of a state agency must be filed with the agency. Codifies the inclusion of the Department of Finance and Administration and removes the Department of Health within the oversight responsibilities of the Select Oversight Committee on TennCare.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

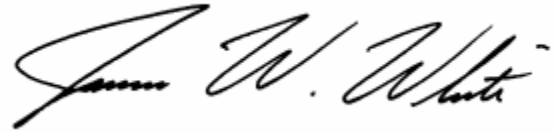
Assumptions:

- Requiring enrollees and applicants to provide information in a shorter period of time will not have a significant impact on the current procedures of the Bureau of TennCare. Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- The Department of Commerce and Insurance will not incur any significant increase in expenditures to guarantee insurance carriers comply with the additional requirement.
- Reducing the amount of time an appeal of an initial state order must be filed will not result in a significant change on the current appeal procedures. Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

- The Bureau of TennCare was transferred to the Department of Finance and Administration by Executive Order One dated January 26, 1995. Codifying the Select Oversight Committee on TennCare's oversight responsibilities to include a review of the programs, functions, and activities of the Department of Finance and Administration will not result in a significant change to the current oversight practices of the Committee. Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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